

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 An upright vacuum cleaner includes a secure handle on an upper part of a dust collecting portion. The handle may be used for transporting both the dust collection portion and the upright vacuum cleaner. The handle allows simplified construction, reduced costs, and increased user safety. An attachment mechanism provides secure double locking protection against accidental separation without simultaneous two-part operation and has a latching hook and a locking part which positively engage the dust collection portion and the vacuum cleaner body.

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